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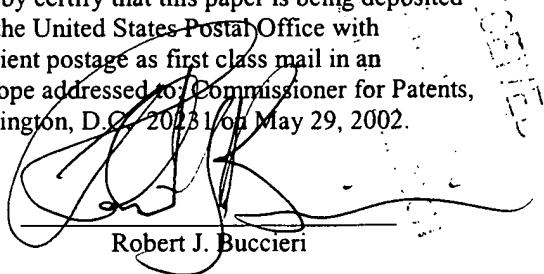
In Re Patent Application Of:
David W. Pennington et al.)

For: MECHANICAL BREAKUP UNIT FOR
A BIOCHEMICALLY REACTIVE
FLUID DELIVERY DEVICE)

Serial No.: 09/669,353)
Filed: September 26, 2000)
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Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

More than twenty months have passed since the filing of the above-referenced application on September 26, 2000. No communication has been received from the Patent and Trademark Office. Please advise the undersigned of the status of this application and when a communication may be expected.

Applicants additionally respectfully submit the following Preliminary Amendment, correcting the priority data as claimed by Applicants. The amendment is being submitted in the form required under 37 CFR § 1.121. Accordingly, attached is one sheet containing the marked-up specification, which shows the change.

In the Specification:

On Page 1, line 1, please replace the paragraph entitled: **Related Applications** with the following paragraph:

This application is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/386,198, filed August 31, 1999, which in turn is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application No.

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